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East Coast Relais Consortium

The East Coast Relais Consortium (ECRC), as the story goes, began at an impromptu meeting of three Atlantic university librarians in an Ottawa hotel elevator in the spring of 1999. Dick Ellis (Memorial University), Bill Maes (Dalhousie University) and John Teskey (University of New Brunswick, Fredericton) all agreed that a shared document delivery/interlibrary loan system would "make better utilization of our existing collections and would enhance resource sharing within the region." Resource sharing being one of the key tenets of the Council of Atlantic University Librarians' Atlantic Scholarly Information Network initiative, the decision was made to consortially purchase Relais International's document delivery system. Relais International is a Canadian company based in Ottawa.

The system allows all requests sent to any of the ECRC libraries from any client library to be automatically searched against the participating libraries' online catalogues, routed to a holding library and then filled via the holding library's Relais scanning station.

The system monitors the requests and facilitates the management of statistics and billing. The shared system is run from a central server. In order to implement the system an administrative framework was established. The three university librarians formed the Executive Committee. The document delivery and systems representatives from each participating library formed the Implementation and Systems Teams. The original member libraries were Memorial's Queen Elizabeth II, Health Sciences and Fisheries libraries, Dalhousie's Killam and Kellogg libraries, the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton)'s Harriet Irving library and the University of New Brunswick (St. John)'s Ward Chipman library.

The Implementation Team members first met in December 1999 in St. John's. The team was introduced to the system's capabilities and at the same time came to agreement on loan policies, messaging methods, statistical categories and billing policies. A shared client database also needed to be created. Five of the member libraries had existing client databases in Aviso and the Alberta Relais Consortium (ARC) already had a joint client library database. The team, with the assistance of ARC and the Systems staff, especially Slavko Manojlovich at Memorial University, were able to amalgamate and edit those

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six library databases into a single database of 3500 "clean" records. (QE II's Liz Stanford's continuous efforts in this regard are notable.) Standards for entering new libraries' records into the database were also established.

During the spring and summer of 2000 Relais International implemented changes to the system and the first version 2.0 migrated into Version 3.0. Testing of the revised system took place in the fall and on December 4, 2000 the East Coast Relais Consortium went live.

In February 2001 meetings were held on what appeared to be the only three consecutive nonblizzard days that St. John's had that winter. At these meetings the consortial process made major steps forward. The team agreed to have requests which entered the system automatically route to any holding library rather than directly to the library to which it was addressed. Processing turnaround standards were also established. The goal was (and still is) to maximize the fill rates for our client libraries within the shortest amount of time possible. Agreement was also reached on a common fee structure, on recommended guidelines for any new ECRC member libraries and on holding annual ECRC meetings in conjunction with the APLA Conference.

May 2001 In at the Charlottetown APLA Conference the original team was joined by representatives of the University of Prince Edward Island and Acadia University libraries. That summer the original members implemented Version (3.2) and Acadia began testing the system. On October 1st Acadia's Vaughan Memorial library began using Relais. This past year the members have been adapting to the new processes and have agreed on refinements to the routing proce-

dures which enhance the services offered by the consortium. At the annual meeting in June 2002 representatives from Mt. Allison University participated as the newest consortium member. UPEI's Robertson library and Mt. Allison's Ralph Pickard Bell library are preparing to go live with the system early this October.

This fall the team will be testing and implementing new enhancements to 3.2 and this winter testing will begin on Version 3.8, which includes not only the lending side of document delivery but encompasses the searching and management needs of the borrowing side as well. Any Z39.50 catalogue or ISO ILL compliant system, including Amicus and OCLC, will be able to be searched via Relais for library holdings. The resulting locations will be able to be selected and requests sent automatically to the selected locations. Web request forms will also be made available for ECRC client libraries and individual patrons.

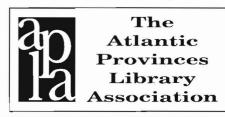
The ECRC is, as some would say, a work in progress. It has succeeded to date and continues to grow for many reasons: the support of the Executive team, especially Dick Ellis, which has been invaluable not only in guiding the Implementation Team through the policy deliberations but also in reiterating the resource sharing goal that is at the heart of the project; the dedicated work of the ECRC Technical Administrator Glenn Preston at Memorial University, who keeps the system up to date and available even through blizzards, power outages and network upgrades; the unfailco-operation of Implementation Team members in establishing joint policies and procedures; the document delivery and systems staff at all the ECRC libraries with their considered

suggestions and assistance with system; and Relais International's ongoing efforts to refine the system to meet ECRC's growing needs.

As with the introduction of any new system, it would be false to suggest that the process has been entirely without its growing pains. Staff have had to accept changes to their established policies and procedures and have had to cope with system upgrades and their resulting transition periods. However, the system's potential role in resource sharing in the region is exciting and all ECRC members agree that that helps to put any bumps encountered along the way into perspective.

The future combination of the Relais system, the new NISO Circulation standard, the ILL ISO protocol and Slavko's Atlantic Libraries Virtual Union Catalogue will enable our library patrons to seamlessly search our catalogues, databases and the Internet, locate items they need, verified through Circulation record, place requests for the items, have their requests routed through the system and filled by an ECRC or external supplier and then delivered to either the ECRC library of their choice or, copyright law changes permitting, delivered directly to their desktops. Not bad at all as a result from an impromptu meeting in an elevator.

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From The President's Desk

What did you learn today? I learned that Italian Canadian men were interned in Petawawa, Ontario during World War II and that 22 of them were Cape Bretoners. I learned this while attending the book launch of Sheldon Currie's new book, Down the Coaltown Road.

It was wonderful to see the promotion of International Adult Learners' Week (Sept. 8 – 14, 2002) taking place for the first time in Canada. Libraries certainly took up the challenge to make this an important week on the calendar. I noted that 30% of the events in Nova Scotia were located in libraries or held in partnership with libraries.

It is interesting to read some of the documentation around the subject of adult learning and to discover how many barriers remain – old age, little schooling, unemployment, lack of time, family obligations, costs, location and timing. We need to remain vigilant in our awareness of these obstacles, and continue to realize the strength of our libraries to work around such barriers, when offering opportunities for adult learning in our communities.

Jeanne Maddix is busy preparing Moncton for the meeting of the APLA executive in late October. We will be looking at ways and means for APLA to support the attendance of librarians from the Atlantic Provinces to the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute. The idea of individual listservs for the evergrowing Interest Groups is up for discussion. There will be at least one GAF application to review and as always, we encourage you to submit more. We will also be exploring new ways for APLA to facilitate our own adult learning. And we hope to make some progress in advancing the @your library campaign in the Atlantic region.

As a member of Libraries Advance Canada, APLA needs to focus some effort on the four priorities for year two – school libraries, the federal government's Innovation Strategy, First Nations libraries and digital copyright and copyright review. Again, we will be discussing these in October and welcome ideas from the membership on how APLA can make a contribution to these nation-wide interests over the next year.

We will be getting a report on the preparations being made by Dianne Taylor-Harding and Joy Tillotson for the spring conference in St. John's. We have heard some preliminary plans for a buddy system or other ways to make sure our new members are made to feel welcome at our annual conference.

This is the first issue of the APLA Bulletin coming to you from Acadia University. We have three able members — Patricia, Erin and Heather — getting their feet wet in editing. Congratulations to them for getting their first issue off the presses.

From Your New Editors' Desks

Perhaps for you as for us, this promises to be a year of many new beginnings and new challenges. Of course, this could be true of almost any year, for almost everybody. In our case, however, not only will this be our first year as the *APLA Bulletin's* new team of editors; it will also be the first year the three of us will be working together as part of Acadia's team of academic librarians. Some of us are starting new jobs; others are taking on new responsibilities. All of us are practicing our profession in a world that is constantly evolving.

It is hard these days not to notice that 2002 marks a big anniversary for communication in Canada. Fifty years ago, CBC Television took to the airwaves. The first CBC stations broadcast in black and white for a few hours a day. Film footage of the Queen's 1953 coronation was flown from London and aired the same day! (1) Today we expect to see events in full colour as they happen in even remote locales. Modern technology

makes it possible to communicate almost instantly over long distances. Email, word processing software, and even digital photography make it possible for us to bring you the *APLA Bulletin* even as we and our contributors do our normal jobs from our libraries and offices. We can only imagine what it must have been like to produce the *APLA Bulletin* fifty years ago.

We are thankful that our job is made easier by the advantages of new communications technology, but we are especially grateful for the foundations laid by our predecessors, especially Brian, Emma, and Ruthmary, who have generously shared their expertise and experience with us. Of course, none of this would be possible without all of our members and contributors. The next few years should be interesting ones, as we continue to collect and share the stories of Atlantic libraries as they, too, meet the challenges of the future.

Erin, Heather, and Patricia

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Mount Allison University

There have been a number of staffing changes at Mount Allison University Libraries. Ruth Miller retired after many years of service as Reference Librarian. Sara Lochhead departed for the position of University Librarian at Acadia University. Ruthmary Macpherson has

been appointed to the position of Acting University Librarian. Recently joining the staff was Shelley Gullikson, in the newly created position of Information Literacy Co-ordinator. A graduate of Dalhousie SLIS and the University of Alberta's internship program, Shelley came to Mount Allison from a position as Reference and Instruction Librarian at the Ontario College of Art and Design. The most recent addition to Mount Allison's professional complement, Wei-Hsin Lee is a graduate of McGill GSLIS and previously worked as a reference librarian at St. Francis Xavier University.

Université de Moncton: Campus d'Edmundston

La Bibliothèque Rhéa-Larose

de l'Université de Moncton, campus d'Edmundston présentait, conjointement avec le secteur Arts et Lettres du campus et le Consulat général de France pour les Provinces Atlantiques, une exposition de 33 affiches pour souligner le 200^e anniversaire de naissance de Victor Hugo, grand écrivain français du 19^e siècle. Pour souligner l'occasion, la bibliothèque a également présenté une série d'œuvres et des livres sur l'auteur.

NBCC/CCNB

Staff changes on various campuses include:

Lucien Chassé has retired from the Bathurst campus. Julie Lefrançois, who is the librarian at the Campbellton campus, is now also the librari-



an for the Bathurst Campus library. Dewan Sachdeva retired in the spring from the Saint John campus. Beverly Lyons has been hired as the new librarian.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES NBPLS

As of August 27, NBPLS has a new, more intuitive Web address. You can now visit the website at http://www.gnb.ca/public libraries.

Depuis le 27 août, le SBPNB a une nouvelle adresse pour son site Web. Vous pouvez maintenant visiter le site au http://www.gnb.ca/bibliotheques publiques.

New Brunswick public libraries held their first-ever Membership Drive. from September 3 to October 10, with the goal of attracting 4,000 new members. Each of the 62 public libraries throughout province worked on initiatives to attract new members. As part of the Drive, New Brunswickers are now able to request a public library card by completing an online form on the NBPLS website. Patrons simply enter their information in the online form and the public library card is sent by mail.

Les bibliothèques publiques du Nouveau-Brunswick ont entrepris leur toute première campagne de recrutement, du 3 septembre au 10 octobre, avec pour objectif de recruter 4 000 nouveaux membres. Chacune des 62 bibliothèques publiques de la province a élaboré des stratégies pour attirer des nouveaux membres. Toujours dans le cadre de cette campagne, les

Néo-Brunswickois et les Néo-Brunswickoises peuvent demander une carte de bibliothèque publique en complétant un formulaire électronique sur le site Web du SBPNB. Les usagers ont tout simplement besoin de fournir les informations requises et une carte de bibliothèque publique leur sera envoyée par la poste.

Finally, the third annual New Brunswick Public Libraries launched Week was Edmundston on October 10. 2002. This year, the theme will "Explore your library@ www.gnb.ca/publiclibraries". This theme highlights the various technological innovations that were introduced in the public libraries during the past year. These innovations include the new website, the online catalogue on the Web, the Virtual Reference Library, and onsite access to various online databases. Another goal is to highlight the fact that access to public library services is no longer limited to public libraries but is available from any computer connected to the Internet.

Finalement, le lancement de la troisième Semaine des bibliothèques publiques a eu lieu à Edmundston le 10 octobre 2002. Cette année, la Semaine se déroulera sous le thème « Explorez votre bibliothèque @ www.gnb.ca/bibliotheques publiques ». Ce thème vise à mettre en valeur les innovations technologiques qui ont été implantées dans les bibliothèques publiques au cours de la dernière année. On n'a qu'à penser au nouveau site Web, au catalogue de bibliothèque sur Internet, à la Bibliothèque de référence virtuelle et à l'accès à

diverses bases de données dans les bibliothèques. Un autre objectif est d'attirer l'attention sur le fait qu'un nombre croissant de services des bibliothèques publiques sont accessibles à partir de n'importe quel ordinateur doté d'un accès à Internet.

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Library Region

Public The Petitcodiac Library celebrated its 20th anniversary in August with an open house. The highlights of the evening were speeches from invited guests—words of appreciation from politicians, both local and provincial, fond reminiscences from the members of the library's first Board, and a description by Sylvie Nadeau of the exciting challenges coming in the next few years. library is most grateful for the reference books that were a gift the Department Education for 20 years of library service to the community.

The Riverview Public Library was closed for three weeks to allow the installation of new flooring and painting of walls, giving the library a fresh new look.

Nathalie Richard has been appointed Acting Library Director of the Dieppe Public Library to replace Michèle LeBlanc who is taking a one-year leave of absence. Ms. Richard completed her Master of Information Science degree at Dalhousie University.

Paulette Léger was among the recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Literacy Awards, presented in recognition of women and men in New Brunswick who have made an outstanding contribu-

tion to the lives of young children. Ms. Léger received the award in the Individual category for the special programs for preschool children she has developed at the Saint-Antoine Public Library.

Saint John Library Region

This region received one of the Lieutenant Governor's Early Childhood Literacy Awards, which it won for the Babes In The Library Program.

The Campobello Public Library entered a float in the Canada Day Parade and won first prize.

Artist Octavio Ribeiro had an exhibition of his artwork at the Millennium Artplace in the Saint John Free Public Library this summer. Visitors to the library have been eager to purchase his work, with one painting being sold to a visiting librarian from the eastern United Sates.

Popular children's book character Caillou was the main attraction at a special program organized by Bibliothèque le Cormoran in June. This library was also host to the provincial launching of the Summer Reading Club.

The East Branch and the St Croix Public Library offered computer training for adults and were overwhelmed with the response. Staff at East Branch said, "It was very heart-warming to see some of the mature patrons leave their fears and uncertainties behind after a couple of tutoring sessions. Before we knew it, they were booking time on the Gates computer and were surfing on their own!"

Jean Cunningham, Public Relations and Development Librarian, has been seconded to work in Fredericton and Joann Hamilton-Barry, Youth Services Librarian, will be covering her duties.

Patricia Tingley, artist for the Saint John Library Region and Children's Department staff member, has illustrated a book for children called "Wiggles, Squiggles, Lines and Jiggles". This book is part of a series written and illustrated by New Brunswickers and published by the Early Childhood Centre of UNB.

York Library Region

McAdam celebrated its 40th anniversary in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor and many legislators from the three levels of government, as well as many guests from away and residents of McAdam, including the first employee in-charge who worked 17 hours a week at \$1.00 an hour. Mrs. Stannix, with the help of York Library Region, laid a solid foundation for the public library in its formative years for future generations to build upon.

Region closed libraries September 17th in order that employees could attend the third annual Staff Development Each employee had a chance to choose from six workshops. Speakers this year included Trudy Amirault (The library in the community and the community in the library), Marsha Hello (Civil service hiring procedures), Joanne Leblanc (Consultant: Taking control of your time; Customer service), and Joanne LeBlanc-Haley and Ruth Russell (Storytelling sessions).

Three in the Key, a jazz trio of hardworking university stu-

dents, were booked for two sets on a Friday night at the Fredericton Public Library. The Harvest Jazz and Blues festival gave the library permission to bill this as a "satellite event" and this became one of FPL's membership drive initiatives.

Région de bibliothèques du Haut Saint-Jean

Le Club de lecture d'été 2002 « À vos marques, Prêt, Lisez! » s'est terminé le 16 août 2002 dans toutes les bibliothèques publiques et bibliobus de la région. Ce programme a connu un franc succès et continue toujours d'exercer un attrait important auprès des jeunes : 1 644 inscriptions; 50 577 livres lus et 1 089 contrats terminés. La fête de clôture organisée dans toutes les bibliothèques publiques de la région entre le 21 et 23 août a été animée par le Magicien Perley Palmer de Fredericton. Son spectacle de magie interactive et d'illusions a captivé les jeunes et les parents.

Six employé(e)s de la région ont assisté à une formation offerte par la Bibliothèque Nationale du Canada sur la base de données AMICUS Web. Les employé(e)s se sont familiarisé(e)s avec le contenu et les différentes méthodes et stratégies de recherche de cette base de données. Rappelons que AMICUS Web, qui est une source d'information gratuite à l'intention des bibliothèques, des chercheurs et du public en général, contient 24 millions de notices bibliographiques et 40 millions de mentions de fonds provenant de quelque 1 300 bibliothèques canadiennes.

NBLTA/ACBPNB

The Election of officers saw the return of all existing members of the executive: Doug Goss as President, Berthier Bérubé as Vice President, Roseline Maillet as Treasurer, and Aurèle Thériault as Secretary.

Considerable time was spent in review of proposed changes to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws and it was ultimately agreed to proceed with the English version and have the French sent to NBPLS for translation.

Miss Sylvie Nadeau, Executive Director of NBPLS, addressed the AGM, presenting members with the latest accomplishments of the NBPLS.

Following the AGM, the NBLTA/ACBPNB Merit Award was presented to Mrs. Lorna Delong of Woodstock, and to Roseline Maillet of Saint-Antoine-de-Kent. Both recipients have been involved with their local libraries and with provincial organizations and bodies involved in library work for many years. Both are also currently on the Board of the NBLTA/ACBPNB. This year's committee felt that the quality of both candidates made it impossible to select one over the other and gave the award to both.

The afternoon sessions featured workshops led by Lt. Governor the Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell and by Professor Norman Harrocks. Mrs. Trenholme Counsell spoke on the importance of literacy, noting the decline in scholastic achievement in provincial schools.

Professor Horrocks addressed the delegates on the topic of Effective Committees. Professor Horrocks' talk was both informative and highly entertaining and many excellent points were raised that provided much food for thought.

Submitted by Jeanne Maddix



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES College of the North Atlantic

Librarians and library technicians from College libraries across the province will meet for their annual professional development conference at the Max Simms Camp in central Newfoundland from October 23 to 25.

Darrell Squires is the new

Gander Campus Librarian. A native Newfoundlander, Darrell has relocated from Ontario, where he worked at McMaster University and the Pickering Public Library.

John Burgess is the new librarian for the Qatar campus of the College of the North Atlantic. John was a community college librarian in Vancouver. During August, he spent some time in St. John's at the CNA Prince Philip Drive campus, familiarizing himself with the College Libraries' systems. He is now in Qatar.

Duane Spracklin who was the former Gander/Qatar Librarian has moved to Ottawa.

St. John's Campus Librarian, Janet Fraser, has just completed her Presidency of the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Memorial University

Health Sciences Library: Katie Lawton started a contractual position at HSL on 30 September.

Queen Elizabeth II Library:
Karen Lippold is spending the
fall semester at the Harlow
Campus of Memorial
University. Harlow is located



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Gillian Byrne is replacing Karen in Information Services.

Michael Lonardo is on sabbatical from the Collection Development Division. Dan Duda, who spent last year in Information Services, has replaced Michael.

Gina Kim, a co-op student from the University of Western Ontario, is working in Information Services. Gina has already volunteered to work on the APLA conference.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Eastern Division: John White. Manager the Eastern Division public libraries, reports that "the Provincial Information and Library Resources Board (PILRB) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) have partnered to place an Access DFO kiosk in the Grand Bank Public Library. On

September 26 representatives from DFO and the PILRB officially launched this service at a public event in the library. The kiosk offers the public Internet access to the DFO web site coupled with a toll free telephone help line and a display of pamphlets describing the department's services and programs. This combination of electronic and print resources with the help line allows the kiosk's users to choose for themselves the best means to get information or answers to their questions. While there are 48 Access DFO kiosks across Canada, the Grand Bank Public Library kiosk is the only one not located in a DFO office. The public can also search for information on other Government of Canada web sites from the Access DFO kiosk."

St. John's Division: Vicky Murphy, who was assigned as Division Manager of Technical Services in Stephenville, returned to her position as Lending Services Librarian with the Provincial Resource Library and the St. John's Division Libraries.

The St. John's Library Board will hold its biannual book sale on 4-5 October. Discarded materials will be for sale at all branches of the St. John's city libraries. Proceeds will go to the St. John's Library Board.

The St. John's City Libraries and the Community Food Sharing Association sponsored an Amnesty Week which ran from 24 - 28 September. Lending Services librarian, Ron Knowling, invited library borrowers to return overdue books without incurring fines, if they would return books accompanied by a non-perishable food item.

Western LabradorDivision: Mike Bannister resigned his position Assistant Manager Western He and his wife Division. moved to Ottawa where Mike is now working for a company whose web site is www.oncecorp.com. He's main-

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ly working on web based projects using information management techniques. He says that instead of calling it cataloguing, collection development, and reference services, they call it information management.

Rocky Harbour Public Library has become the fourteenth public/school library location in Western Division.

Corner Brook Public Library is bar-coding its collection, and expects to have fully automated circulation in early 2003.

Richard Scrimger is the Canada Council touring author. He will be touring Western Newfoundland from 30 September to 8 October.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Jessica O'Neill is the new librarian at the St. Clare's Hospital, Hospital Corporation of St. John's.

ASSOCIATIONS

Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador

On the weekend of 20-22 September 2002, WANL held its 15th anniversary AGM and professional development conference at Memorial University in St. John's. Ed Riche of "Rare Birds" fame presented a screenwriting workshop while well-known Canadian poet, Patricia Young, offered a poetry workshop.

The Cultural Advocacy workshop/panel session/public forum, which took place on September 21 from 2 to 5, was of special interest to librarians. This panel, which was moderated by well-known author and activist Helen Fogwill Porter, concerned itself with how writers, teachers, librarians, and artists working in all media can advocate effectively and work together to help develop and improve this province's literacy education, public and school libraries, and arts institutions.

Readings by several poets and authors were planned for the weekend - Patricia Young at Memorial University, Roberta Buchanan at the Interpretation Centre of the Cape St. Mary's Bird Sanctuary, Dreena Burton at the Terrace in the Square and Hilda Chaulk-Murray at the A.C. Hunter Library. On 22 September, a Writers' Stroll featuring writers reading short excerpts from their work at the Stroll's fifteen stops was planned.

Newfoundland and Labrador Publishers Association

The Association hosted its third annual "Word on the Rock" on 21 September at the Murray Premises.

Gosling Group Foundation

This lobby group, headed by prolific authors and cultural leaders in St. John's, held its first public meeting on 24 September. The group is pleading for the return of a public library in the downtown. It claims that with better hours and service, a downtown library would be an important addition to the culture and community of the downtown area.

Submitted by Dianne Taylor-Harding



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Smart Libraries

The Smart Libraries project (http://www.valleylibrary.ca) has been well received by library users. Here are a couple of the comments we have received: "Just wanted to pass along that this website is simply fantastic. Congratulations should go to all who put it together and the user friendliness that the site now holds...Great Job!!!"; "Absolutely a great website. We (myself, and my 2 daughters aged 11 and 10) use it quite often and it has been very user friendly. Great design. Thank you so much for making our library time that much easier." Promotion of the site has been welcomed at approximately 33 different locations, including many junior and middle schools. The schools were so enthusiastic about the services offered that Catherine Whitney has volunteered to continue these promotions with visits to high schools this fall.

Charlotte Janes has been asked to speak at the Library Boards Association/Nova Scotia Library Association Conference in October as well as a Community Access Program Conference. These workshops are being done in partnership with the Western Counties

Regional Library.

The focus for the fall will be on enhancing the homework help sections of the kids and teen pages. There will be annotated lists of web sites by subject. Some of these subject lists have been provided by resource teachers of the school board and include lists of books that are appropriate for specific age groups. The site is constantly being improved with some changes applied as a result of user feedback while newly developed features continue to be added.

MultiLIS - Library Automation

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library, along with the Department of Education, is negotiating a contract with SIRSI for the next generation of our library automation software. Our present software company, MultiLIS, has merged with SIRSI and will be developing the new package with MultiLIS users in mind. Staff were given the opportunity to be involved in the development of the new software, which is anticipated to be implemented in the fall of 2003.

Community Access Program (CAP)

The CAP program has been a great asset to the region this summer with most libraries being able to offer one-on-one computer tutorials and kids' programming. CAP sustainability funding from those libraries with CAP contracts has been combined to hire three employees from Sept. 16, 2002 to March 3, 2003. These program coordinators will deliver computer related programming to eight of

our branches.

Branch Reports

On July 20, the Town of Middleton and the Friends of the Middleton and District Library Society celebrated the official opening of the Library's expansion project. This initiative almost doubled the size of the facility and enhanced the physical interior layout of the shelving and furniture. Patrons are thrilled with the building, its inviting atmosphere, and increased collection size.

The official celebration of the construction of the Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library in Lawrencetown was held on August 29. It was built entirely through funds made available from a private donation of the family of the late "Dr. Frank", a well-loved family doctor and member of the community. August 29 was his birthday,

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hence the date of celebration. This beautiful library will be open for business in the new location on September 19th, and will offer a program/meeting room, wheelchair accessibility, a larger collection of material, and new computer workstations. The Valley Annapolis Regional Library is very appreciative of the efforts of all those groups and individuals who made these two large library projects possible. We are grateful to have these excellent facilities in our region. A line-up of fall programming for all ages is in place for both the Middleton and Lawrencetown locations.

Through HRDC funding, Summer Program Directors were available in the following branches: Middleton, Kentville / Port Williams, Wolfville and Windsor. Innovative ideas and new community partnerships resulted in interesting and creative programs. For example, in the Windsor area, the library with Haliburton partnered House to offer two children's programs: "You've Got Mail: a guide to stamp collecting"; and, during the Sam Slick festivities, a tent Parlour housing Victorian Games was available for all ages. The Kentville Recreation Department was instrumental in assisting us with space requirements for library programs in that area.

Utilizing HRDC funds, and in co-operation with other CAP sites, computer-related programming was made available in many Valley libraries over the summer. These included one-on-one tutorials, story times, crafts and special events. Through

Smart Communities/Smart Libraries funding, a staff member was available to offer presentations on our website and its services to both schools and CAP sites. Over 1600 students and adults were present at these sessions.

News from Eastern Counties Regional Library

During Public Library Week, the ECRL staff will launch a fall fund raiser entitled Share a Book-Build a Community, 2002. The campaign was developed to enhance the Eastern Counties Regional Library collection, promote reading, and spotlight the library as a community centre and place for life long learning. The program received a \$3,000 corporate sponsorship from EnCana. During the campaign, community members will be encouraged to donate the cost of a book, video, audio book, or paperback, with EnCana matching the donation up to a maximum of \$2,000.

The launch of the *Share a Book* campaign in October will also coincide with the launch of the "Virtual library" catalogue and new on-line services. This improved web access will provide residents with the opportunity to request materials, check their borrower account, search catalogues or databases, register on-line, and seek reference assistance.

In order to facilitate training sessions for the improved service, a web catalogue handbook has been designed and produced by library staff members Annemarie Bieber and Lesley Brothers. This handbook will be used in a series of public training sessions to be offered in the

next year thanks to HRDC funding. The project, entitled People at the Library (P@L), will allow the library to extend its reach into the communities by offering training sessions in all library locations as well as schools, C@P sites, literacy organizations and various other business and community groups. Through this program, ECRL will promote the value of reading and lifelong literacy, and the ease of obtaining materials and information from even the most remote parts of the region.

Halifax Regional Library The Library Visits HRM Classrooms

The Halifax Regional Library will be helping HRM students get off to a good start this school year by introducing (or re-introducing) them to their local branch. library During September and October, staff will be working towards putting a library card in the hands of as many HRM elementary students as possible by visiting HRM schools and sending kids home with registration forms. Once registered, kids will be invited to check out what's happening at their local branch.

Summer Reading Club 2002 Another Great Success!

The Halifax Regional Library has successfully wrapped up yet another extremely popular Summer Reading Club. The program, always a popular and successful event, is also widely recognized as a positive tool in the quest for children's literacy and learning. This year the proram reached thousands of families across the region, with approximately 5,500 children partici-

pating. As in past years, parents continued to be enthusiastic about the program, which just 20th its celebrated Research shows that summer reading has a positive effect on children's school achievement as well as increasing their overall reading and vocabulary skills. That's one important reason libraries public offer free Summer Reading programs they're a fun way to foster a continued enthusiasm for books.

HRL Wins Award for e-branch

The Halifax Regional Library is pleased to announce that it has recently won Industry Canada's LibraryNet "Best Practices" 2002 award. The award recognizes the innovative use of the Internet by Canadian public libraries. HRL won the Electronic Service Delivery Award for "e-branch", its full-service website.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Dalhousie University Libraries

The Dalhousie Learning Commons

Dalhousie University is taking a major leap forward this fall with the installation of the Dalhousie Learning Commons (www.library.dal.ca/commons/info.htm). Housed on the ground floor of the Killam Library and scheduled to open in October 2002, the Learning Commons is an exciting new library facility that provides faculty, students and staff with an innovative mix of information technologies, resources, and services.

The Learning Commons is

designed to encourage collaboration and creativity in academic scholarship. With 160 computer workstations supported printers and scanners, bookable group workrooms, teaching/ demo workspaces with data projectors, and an adaptive technology center for people with disabilities, the Commons offers the Dalhousie community a state-of-the-art learning environment like no other in Atlantic Canada. It will fast become the "information hub" of the university, where faculty and students can come together to share ideas, collaborate on projects, and explore technological teaching innovations. The Commons also provides space where individuals can work independently with all the information resources they need at their fingertips.

The Learning Commons offers a wide variety of services, including reference, statistical data and geographic information systems (GIS), plus expert technical assistance to help users integrate the vast collections of information into specific applications. The Learning Commons supports the University's continuing commitment to provide students with the tools and resources they need to be successful in today's informationbased society. The Commons is an open, stimulating environment where digital information can be accessed and used in new and creative ways. Come and touch the future—it's here!

Mount Saint Vincent University Library

Gaby Roughneen, the Mount's Reserves Assistant, has been appointed to the Circulation Supervisor position. She replaces Bernadette Kehoe who left in August to assume a student counseling position at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Carolyn Scanlan, who was in a part-time position as University Archivist, is now working as a full-time Assistant in the Circulation Department.

St. Francis Xavier University Library

The Angus L. Macdonald Library is pleased to welcome Richard Boyd Blackwell to the position of Part-Time Reference Librarian. Richard is a graduate of the University of Alberta's School of Library and Information Studies and comes to us with a variety of experience in both public and academic libraries. Welcome Richard.

Also taking on a new challenge, as the Government Documents Manager, is Mary Jessie MacLellan. This is a major change for Mary Jessie (formerly the Administrative Assistant to the University Librarian), but she is looking forward to the challenge of dealing with statutes, statistics and debates! Congratulations Mary Jessie.

The library will also bid farewell to Shirley MacDougall. Shirley has served as the Government Documents Manager for many years and will be retiring in October. We wish Shirley all the best in her retirement.

Submitted by Gordon Bertrand



ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Holland College

A new term is in full swing at Holland College. Library Services staff are all very busy providing orientation and instruction to students. Staff spent the summer months working tirelessly, doing inventory as well as updating and revamping instructional modules, which include Navigating the Net. Research Methods, Information Ethics (including plagiarism and copyright issues), Evaluating Information, and Library Catalogue and Database Searching. These presentations are now available on the library Website http://www.hollandc.pe.ca/Libra ry/LibraryTutorials.htm.

Brenda Brady and Donald Moses have also changed the face of the Holland College Library Services home Check out the new page. and improved site http://www.hollandcollege.com/ Library/Library.htm. We all think it looks great! Brenda continues to work away at changing all of the library pages over to this new look and format.

University of Prince Edward Island

Another busy semester is underway at UPEI Robertson Library. Some had speculated that UPEI's new Student

Centre, which opened in early would September, reduce demand for the library's study space, but that certainly doesn't seem to have been the case so far. It's encouraging to see so many "hitting the books" (and the periodicals, and the databases ...) so early in the term. Considering the heavy demand already being placed on library space, it's fortunate that the renovations to the Special Collections area and Media Centre were completed well before the term began.

It isn't surprising that the Library is such a busy spot, in light of preliminary figures indicating that the University has, for the first time in its history, more than 3,000 full-time enrolments. With burgeoning firstyear classes, it's a challenge to ensure that as many incoming students as possible receive library instruction, but the Instructional Services team has an ambitious slate of classes booked, especially in "core" courses such as University 100 and English 101. Drop-in library orientation tours are also being offered throughout September.

Although there are lots of people using the library's facilities, there is plenty of demand for "virtual" library service as well. The Robertson Library's proxy service, which allows UPEI students and faculty off-campus access to databases and e-journals, has received scores of new registrations since the term began, and arrangements to streamline this process are now being finalized. Also, the library's new Website should be completed later this Fall. Watch http://www.upei.ca/library for developments and updates.

We are pleased to welcome Suzanne Jones, Access and Delivery Services Librarian, back from her year-long sabbatical, but sorry to see Cheryl Wartman, a valued member of the Access and Delivery team, move on to new opportunities with the University's Research and Development office.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The summer months were very busy in the public libraries of Prince Edward Island.

A highlight was the Summer Reading Program, which included a contest based on the theme of "pets." Children were asked to submit stories about their real or imaginary pets. The winners were then invited to the CBC studios to record their stories and have them aired on the radio. Also, a group of young adults from a reading club at the Confederation Centre Public Library reviewed books all summer on CBC radio. This professionally produced series was awesome! The level of professionalism and literary savvy from these teens was music to the ears. In addition to these summer activities, younger children from the Confederation Centre Public Library participated in a library float during the annual "Gold Cup and Saucer" Parade. In the rural branches, "Puppet Mania," a popular puppet theatre started by two library staff members, Pam Wheatley and Joan Sutton, visited many branches to rave reviews.

There continue to be numerous book launches and readings at the Confederation Centre Public Library. The library is becoming the venue of choice for

launching new books and hosting readings for the surrounding districts. Jay Ruzesky, Rick Ashton and Louise Ravenhill have all given readings over the past several weeks. Since there is no dedicated adult programming room, audience members sit in the magazine reading area, bordered by the adult fiction. There is nothing like the experience of listening to great literature while sitting next to the great masters.

After losing over half of the professional staff as well as several branch staff due to a hiring freeze, it's great to be filling key positions once again. One of these positions, that of French Services Librarian, has been filled by Chantale Bellemare. Chantale came to us from Bell Canada in Montreal. She's settled in to her new position developing library services for the French community in PEI. A news release regarding this appointment may be found at

http://www.gov.pe.ca/news/ge trelease.php3?number=2729.

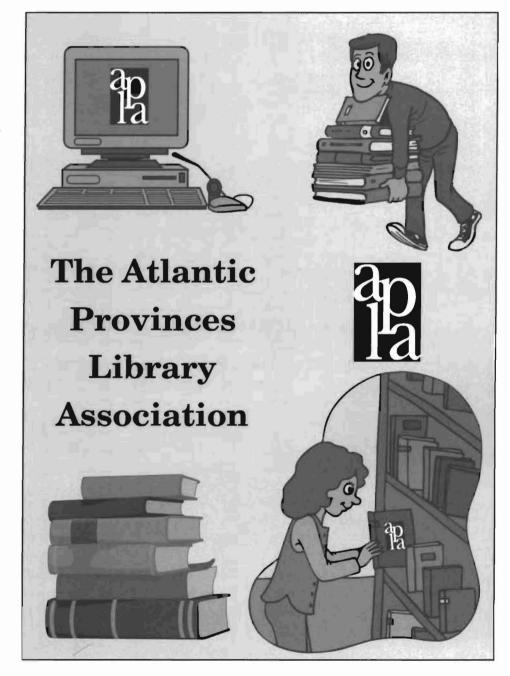
The library service is also undergoing a policy and procedure review. While a very "dry" exercise, this has allowed some significant changes in internal processes that will have a positive impact on public service: ILL has now been streamlined in response to increased usage, a standing order program for paperbacks has been developed, and collections policies are currently under review and devel-In the near future, opment. Reference Services will undergo review.

ISLANDLIBRARIES.CA

The development of http://www.islandlibraries.ca continues. This virtual library. part of the Charlottetown Smart Communities Project, was highlighted, albeit humbly, at the launch of Virtual Charlottetown Square gateway (http://www.townsquare.ca). While it may be hard to compete with the razzle dazzle of an online art gallery tour that includes real audio and Flash.

Island residents may now search for and have access to the collections of Holland College and the Provincial Library Service through one interface. Preliminary results are encouraging and informal conversations with users are positive. We've now moved on to exploring online reference and have had a positive response to introducing the University of Prince Edward Island Library to the project.

Submitted by Andrea Stewart



APLA Memorial Awards

Financial assistance for study and research is available from the APLA Memorial Trust. Projects which contribute to the professional development of the applicant and benefit the Library profession as a whole are encouraged. To apply, please send a letter outlining your proposed research, estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by March 15th, 2003 to:

Angela Lonardo

APLA Memorial Awards Committee Queen Elizabeth II Library

Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF A1B 3Y1

Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust

Applications are now invited for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

This annual award provides funding to a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a degree of Master of Library Science. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration. Please note this scholarship requires that applicants have already been accepted in an accredited School of Library and Information Science as a candidate for a masters degree in Library Science. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2003

Further information and application forms can be found at the APLA Web site http://www.apla.ca/ or please contact:

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New Brunswick Public Libraries Hot For Hackmatack

The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award starts its fourth year with an exciting selection of thirty nominated Canadian books for young readers. The Hackmatack Award is delighted that New Brunswick public libraries have already jumped on board, registering more than thirty branches in communities across the province. Following the successful launch of the French component in 2001, organizers hope to reach even more young readers across the Atlantic region this year.

The Hackmatack program encourages children to read and gives them a voice in choosing their favourites, making them the jury in this award. Children in registered reading groups across Atlantic Canada will read the nominated books during the school year and vote for their favourite books in all three categories in May 2003. Following author reading tours from June 15-20, the Award Ceremony will be held on June 19, 2003 at the Keating Centre, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS, as part of a literacy conference hosted by the St. FX Alumni Association.

For more information on the Hackmatack Award or to register a group, call Norene Smiley at (902) 424-3774, or e-mail: hackmatack@hackmatack.ca. Check out the Hackmatack website at www.hackmatack.ca.

TREASURER'S REPORT ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Agenda Item #8
Executive Meeting

Agenda Item #11 63rd OGM

APLA continues to be a solid, viable and active association.

Overall, revenues were lower than the budgeted amount. We did see a small dip in membership as well as Bulletin revenues. On the other hand, the 2001 conference in Charlottetown brought in a very impressive \$14, 573.00. This windfall will be part of the 2002-03 budget and will have a positive impact on First-Timers and Memorial Fund spending.

Expenditures, in total, were lower than the anticipated amount. APLA Bulletin expenditures were lower than budgeted. The Executive Projects were comprised of a series of Library Advocacy sessions that were given in the three provinces and very well attended.

Karen MacNeil was the sole recipient of the First-Timer grant for the 2001 conference in Charlottetown. Two applications were received for and awarded grants from the First Timers Conference Grant for 2002. The recipients are Berenica Vejvoda and Christine Davies. Five applications were received for the General Activities Fund and the following three awards granted: "Law for the People" Workshop - \$600.00; Coady Institute for Resource Kits for public libraries "Community Health Impact Assessment" - \$690.00; PEI and NS Joint Library Week - \$1100.00.

The money allotted for the Memorial Awards has yet to be distributed although winners have been decided.

The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship available for 2002/2003 is \$2,603.72.

The amount available for the Memorial Award in 2002 is \$1285.46.

On behalf of the Executive, APLA would like to thank the over 300 people who took advantage of the CLA/APLA conference bulk rate.



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association





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Treasurer's Report – Agenda Item 8 Annual OGM – APLA Thursday, June 20, 2002 Treasurer's Report – Agenda Item 11 63rd OGM - APLA

Statement of Revenue and Expenses March 31, 2002		2001-2002 Budget	2001-2002 Examined	
D	BULLETIN			
R	Advertising	2,500.00	2,202.80	
	Subscriptions	1,800.00	573.10	
\mathbf{E}	Royalties	100.00	0.00	
	Subtotal	4,400.00	2,775.90	
\mathbf{V}	CONFERENCE FUND			
	Seed Grant	0.00	1,500.00	
${f E}$	General	0.00	4,018.18	
	Subtotal	0.00	5,518.18	
N	GENERAL FUND	_		
TT	Personal Memberships	11,000.00	9,917.00	
U	Institutional Memberships	4,000.00	3,750.00	
	Subtotal	15,000.00	13,397.00	
\mathbf{E}	OTHER			
S	Interest	200.00	111.45	
	MMF Interest	1,600.00	0.00	
	First Timers	2,031.42	0.00	
	Carin Somers Scholarship	2,608.17	2,608.17	
	Miscellaneous	0.00	110.00	
	Subtotal	7,758.98	2,829.62	
	TOTAL REVENUE	28,658.98	24,520.70	
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	ment of Revenue and nses March 31, 2002	2001/2002 Budget	2001/2002 Examined	
E	BULLETIN			
	Pkg & Supplies	300.00	0.00	
\mathbf{X}	Printing	6,000.00	5,947.80	
	Postage & Shipping	1,550.00	2,303.81	
P	Subtotal	7,850.00	8,251.61	
I	CONFERENCE		0	
\mathbf{E}	Conference Seed Grant	0.00	0.00	
	Conference General	0.00	0.00	
N	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	
D	APLA PRIZE			
ען	APLA Prize	500.00	500.00	
I	OTHER			
	Executive Travel (Meetings)	5,000.00	2,832.77	
$ \mathbf{T} $	Presidentis Travel (APLA/PTLAC)	1,500.00	606.66	
	Executive Projects ^a	750.00	589.12	
U	Registrations & Memberships	50.00	50.00	
	Postage	550.00	132.53	
R	Student Ass't	300.00	450.00	
	Supplies	250.00	57.28	
F	APLA domain name	-	192.60	
E S	Subtotal	8,400.00	5,910.96	
5				
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES			
	All Subtotal	0.00	410.12	
	STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS			
	Communications: Directory & Extra Postage to mail with Bulletin	350.00	325.89	
	All other Committees/Interest Groups	100.00	0.00	
	Subtotal	450.00	325.89	
			-	

^a Motion to spend Executive Projects funds on Advocacy Workshops passed Executive Meeting, October 27, 2000.

Prepared by Mamie MacGillivray

GAF Grant	3,700.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous (Bank Fees etc)	100.00	50.54
Subtotal	3,800.00	1,050.54
Transfer to Memorial Awards	659.70	0.00
Transfer to First Timers Award	659.70	0.00
First Timers Award	2,031.42 ^b	339.86
Carin Somers Scholarship	2,608.17	2,608.17
Subtotal	5,958.99	2,948.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,558.99	18,397.14
TOTAL REVENUES	28,658.98	24,520.70
REVENUES - EXPENDITURES	99.99	6,123.56

Accumulated Savings

		2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
1. 2.	Savings First Timers Grant	\$15,306.92	\$ 17,642.45	
	Principal	\$19,568.78	\$ 20,129.58	
	(Interest	\$ 713.47	\$ 560.80)	
3.	Investments	\$34,615.51	\$ 35,607.53	
4.	Carin Alma E. Somers Sch	olarship Trust Fund ((market price)	
	Principal	\$60,000.00	\$60.000.00	
	Interest	\$ 2,608.17	\$ 2,603.72	

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^b Includes \$1,131.42 carry over and \$900.00 estimated interest on First Timers' Fund in 2001/2002 Prepared by Marnie MacGillivray

Balance Sheet for Atlantic Provinces Library Association, 2001-2002

Assets	2000/2001	2001/2002
Current Accounts	11,481.14	17,642.45
First Timers	19,568.78	20,129.58
General Investments (MMF)	34,615.51	35,607.53
Total	65,665.43	73,379.56

Liabilities	2000/2001	2001/2002
Uncashed Cheques	\$ 2,095.18	\$ 334.95
Equity	\$67,396.03	\$ 72,967.06
Total	\$69,491.21	\$ 73,379.56

APLA MEMORIAL AWARD TRUST FUND January 1, 2001- December 31, 2001

Bal	ance	Sheet

Savings Account		\$4,328.61
Investment Certificates		\$14,000.00
	TOTAL	\$18.328.61

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

Donations Savings Account Interest GIC Interest	June December	\$110.00 .67 \$418.28 \$276.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$804.95
Safety Deposit Box Awards	TOTAL	\$35.65 0.00 \$35.65
TOTAL REVENUE		\$769.30

2001-2002 Budget – Agenda Item Annual General Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2002 2002-2003 Budget

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BUD0 2002-		2000/2001 Budget	2001/2002 Actual	2002-2003 Budget
	BULLETIN			
R	Advertising	2,500.00	2,202.80	2,500.00
	Subscriptions	1,800.00	573.10	750.00
\mathbf{E}	Royalties	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Subtotal	4,400.00	2,775.90	3,600.00
$ \mathbf{V} $	CONFERENCE FUND			-
	Seed	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
\mathbf{E}	General	0.00	4,018.18	14,573.00
	Subtotal	1,500.00	5,518.18	17,573.00
N	GENERAL FUND			
TT	Personal Memberships	11,000.00	9,917.00	11,000.00
U	Institutional Memberships	4,000.00	3,750.00	3,900.00
	Subtotal	15,000.00	13,397.00	14,900.00
\mathbf{E}	OTHER			
S	Interest	200.00	111.45	150.00
3	MMF Interest	1,600.00	992.02	1,200.00
	First Timers	2,031.42ª	560.80	1,000.00
	Carin Somers Scholarship	2,608.17	2,608.17	2,600.00
	Miscellaneous	0.00	110.00	550.00
	Subtotal	7,758.98	4,382.44	5,700.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	28,658.98	26,073.48	41,773.00

^a Includes \$1,131.42 carry over and \$900.00 estimated interest on First Timers' Fund in 2001/2002.

BUD 2002-	GET -2003	2000/2001 Budget	2001/2002 Actual	2002/2003 Budget
	BULLETIN			
\mathbf{E}	Packaging & Supplies	300.00	0.00	200.00
	Printing	6,000.00	5,947.80	6,000.00
X	Postage & Shipping	1,550.00	2,303.81	3,000.00
	Subtotal	7,850.00	8,251.61	8,700.00
P	CONFERENCE			
\mathbf{E}	Conference Seed Grant	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Conference General	0.00	0.00	3000.00
N	Subtotal	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	APLA PRIZE			
D	APLA Prize	500.00	500.00	500.00
I	OTHER			
	Executive Travel (Meetings)	5,000.00	2,832.77	6,500.00
\mathbf{T}	Presidentís Travel	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
_	Bulletin Editor to CLA	-	-	1,000.00
U	Executive Projects	750.00	1,493.59	1,500.00
	Registrations & Memberships	50.00	50.00	100.00
R	Postage	550.00	132.53	550.00
1/	Student Assistant SLIS	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Supplies	250.00	57.28	250.00
\mathbf{E}	Bank fees	0.00	50.54	50.00
	APLA Domain		192.60	0.00
S	Subtotal	8,400.00	5,109.31	11,250.00
	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES			
	Aims & Objectives			
	Bulletin Management Board			
	Membership		75.70	
	Merit Award		75.68	
	Nominations	0.00	55. (0)	0.00
	Subtotal	0.00	75.68	0.00
	STANDING COMMITTEES & INTEREST GROUPS			
	Communications: Directory & Extra Postage to mail with Bulletin	350.00	0	350.00
	All other Committees/Interest	100.00	0.00	0.00
	Subtotal	450.00	0.00	350.00

GAF Grant	3,700.00	0.00	7,700.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
Subtotal	3,800.00	0.00	7,800.00
 Transfer to Memorial Awards ^b	659.70	0.00	3,688.25
Transfer to First Timers Awards ^c	659.70	0.00	3,688.25
First Timers Award	2,031.42 ^d	339.80	707.79
Carin Somers Scholarship	2,608.17	2,608.17	2603.72
Subtotal	5,958.99	2,947.97	10,688.01
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,558.99	16,884.57	43,788.01
TOTAL REVENUES	28,658.98	26,073.52	41,673.00
REVENUES - EXPENDITURES	99.99	9,188.95	884

^b Transfer ½ of 50% of APLA '00 and remaining APLA '99 surplus (Standing Order 8.36) ^c Transfer ½ of 50% of APLA '00 surplus and remaining APLA '99 surplus (Standing Order 8.36) ^d Includes \$1,131.42 carry over and \$900.00 estimated interest on First Timers' Fund in 2001/2002

Report on the IFLA Conference

August 2002, Glasgow, Scotland

by Laurette Mackey

The 68th IFLA General Conference and Council took place in Glasgow, Scotland, August 18 to 24, 2002 with the theme 'Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery'. There were a minimum 55 Canadians among over 4700 participants from a total of 122 countries.

I arrived earlier and had an opportunity to visit Glasgow, museums and galleries and yes, different libraries.

Although I do not attend every year, I find the meetings enriching and exhilarating, just to meet such a diverse group of librarians, intent upon similar goals but with so many ways of

achieving them. For those on committees or on the Board, the week is intense. For others, the week can be busy, with the two Council meetings, other meetpresentations, exhibits from Sunday evening Wednesday, and meetings of col-This year, I met a young public librarian from the outskirts of Glasgow many times, either at sessions or for lunch. We heard poet Seamus Heaney, children's author Anne Fine...

Everyone's experience is different, considering the wide range of subjects and the many meetings we can attend. There are presently 8 divisions in the Association. I have taken an interest in Division 3: libraries serving the general public. The first meetings of standing committees begin on Saturday morning and continue on Friday.

I visited the SC Public Libraries just to keep in touch I visited the with the news. Model Children's Library in the Exhibit many times, reading children's books and listening to storytellers actually telling stories to groups of children, with librarians from around the world standing in the background. took pictures of every possible mobile library at the Mobilemeet on Sunday afternoon, in the rain, having fun talking to the operators and the other visitors so excited to share stories of library service in urban or rural areas.

There are also many receptions in the evenings: at the science center, an evening performance at the Glasgow Concert Hall, a reception at the National of Museum Scotland Edinburgh followed by the Military Tattoo. Choices have to be made. On Thursday, I spent all day in Edinburgh visiting Muirhouse (Edinburgh) Public Library and the Library of l'alliance française, whose librarian I had met the previous evening at a reception for French speaking delegates. I missed the all day session on promoting computer literacy @your library.

For more information, visit the official web site at http://www.ifla.org.

APLA 2003 in Newfoundland and Labrador

Conference dates: May 22-25, 2003

Location: Marine Institute, Memorial University of Newfoundland

We look forward to seeing you at APLA 2003 in scenic St. John's. "The view from here" (the conference theme) will be well worth the trip!

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Looking To Get Involved In Your Professional Association?

Interest groups are a great way to get involved in APLA. With all the different APLA interest groups there's one to suit everybody. Look over the list and contact the convener of the group that suits you best.

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From St. Jer@me's Den

Do you ever feel like someone is watching over your shoulder at work - when you are all alone! Or maybe you have wondered how all those books got misshelved. Well, maybe you are not as alone as you think you are or maybe there are some unpaid helpers on the staff? Unpaid and usually unwanted. Apparently graveyards and ancestral homes are not the only places that are haunted by apparitions and ghosts. Libraries have their fair share of reported hauntings also and not just Ghostbusters. But you would be forgiven a feeling of life imitating art on reading an account in The Brownsville Herald (May 14, 2001).

According to the article, local ghost buster Tony Cisneros and his three-member team entered the library at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College on a reconnaissance mission. When Cisneros felt a presence staring at him in the hallway he didn't see anything but decided to take a photo just in case. After the photos were developed, they revealed a figure standing in the hallway. Fifteen years before Cisneros' visit, a psychic had also experienced an eerie feeling when in the hallway and had claimed that someone had been hung on the very spot.

Rough overdue policy?

The two most documented haunted libraries are the Snohomish Library (Everett, Washington) and the Willard Library (Evansville, Indiana). Both have ghostcams set up to record the comings and goings of their respective ghosts. The Snohomish ghost is thought to be that of Catherine McMurchy, who librarian served as Snohomish between 1923 and 1939. She is described as a peaceful and loving spirit, who cares deeply for the library and who continues to serve it in her own ethereal wav.

On the other hand the Willard Library may be haunted by the spirit of Louise Carpenter, the daughter of the library's founder. Louise once sued the library's board of trustees, claiming that her father was "of unsound mind and was undu-

ly influenced in establishing [Willard] Library." She lost the suit and may be hanging around until the library does the right thing and returns the property to the heirs of the Willard Carpenter family.

So, if you get a creepy feeling on the back of your neck when you are in the bookstacks, don't look around, you may not be alone!

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APLA Welcomes Its Newest Members

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GROUPE D'INTÉRÊT FRANCOPHONE

Un groupe de huit personnes s'est retrouvé pour un excellent souper au restaurant IL Mercato Ristorante. Lorraine Julien, de l'université de Moncton, a bien voulu servir de rassembleuse pour cette occasion. Les discussions ont tourné autour du travail, bien sûr, mais surtout autour de sujets plus légers afin de ne pas alourdir la digestion inutilement. Je n'ai pas encore reçu de rapport sur les libations du groupe ni sur leur comportement d'après-souper, donc j'imagine que tout s'est passé selon l'éthique bibliothéconomique...et non l'éthyle...

Pour le prochain congrès, qui aura lieu à St. John's (NF), j'ai reçu une suggestion d'atelier, à savoir l'importance de l'ergonomie dans notre profession qui, comme vous le savez, nous impose de longues périodes sur une chaise devant un écran qui n'a pas trop de considération pour notre bienêtre. Cet atelier pourrait être présenté pour tous, un groupe en français et l'autre en anglais, si le comité d'organisation juge le sujet suffisamment intéressant. C'est à suivre.

FRANCOPHONE INTEREST GROUP

About eight people attended the supper of the group at IL Mercato Ristorante. Lorraine Julien, from Université de Moncton, kindly agreed to be the leader for this occasion. Discussions were about work, of couse, but also about more trivial subjects to allow a better digestion. I did not get a report yet concerning the libations of the group or their behaviour after supper, so I presume that everything was done according to the ethic of librarianship, not the ethyl...

For the next conference in St. John's (NF), I received a suggestion for a workshop on the importance of ergonomics in our profession. As you all know, we have to spend long periods of time sitting in front of a screen that has absolutely no feeling for us. This workshop could be presented in French and in English if the organizing committee thinks it is a good idea. Stay tuned...

"Il faut à certaines heures de la journée que la personne soucieuse, anxieuse et tourmentée, se retire dans la solitude et qu'elle ouvre un livre pour y trouver un principe d'intérêt, un thème de divertissement, une raison de réconfort et d'oubli".

Georges Duhamel (modifié)

By Jean-Claude Arcand



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